

**PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MISSION STATEMENT AND WORK PROGRAM**

Effective: 5/7/09

Charter Legislation Creating:

County Council Resolution No. 14-1281 (as amended 10/11/05), and County Council Resolution No. 16-192 extending the Committee. Montgomery County Code Sec. 49-81.

Purpose (as stated in the above):

Advise the County Executive and County Council on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force's Final Report involving education, enforcement, engineering and legislative actions; provide advice to elected officials regarding priorities and needs in the area of pedestrian and bicycle safety and access, and other pedestrian-related issues; and identify any new issues that may emerge.

Mission:

Advise the County Executive and Executive Branch on the implementation and refinement of the County Executive's Strategic Plan for Pedestrian Safety, as outlined in his December 2007 Pedestrian Safety Initiative.

Advise the County Executive and County Council on the implementation of the recommendations of the Pedestrian Safety Final Report, issued in 2002 by the Executive's Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian Safety.

Advise the County Executive and County Council of priorities and needs for pedestrian and bicycle safety and access, and other pedestrian-related issues.

Identify new pedestrian and bicycle safety issues related to County-wide pedestrian safety for the County's consideration as it implements its Strategic Plan for Pedestrian Safety. These would include new ideas, emerging technology, best practices or methodologies. The focus would be on issues with broad ramifications for pedestrian safety, rather than issues centered around a specific intersection or project design.

Work Program:

Review and comment upon *MCDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan* as it is used to implement the County Executive's 2007 *Pedestrian Safety Initiative* and the original 2002 *Montgomery County Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety - - Final Report*. This PTSAC Mission Statement and Work Program have been incorporated into the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – the third element of the County's pedestrian safety program.

Review and comment upon activities of the Executive Branch agencies identified in the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan as they are implemented with the goal of evaluating these actions toward reducing the number of pedestrian and bicyclists collisions in the County--reducing injuries, fatalities, and their associated social costs; ensuring that all areas of the county provide safe and convenient travel options for pedestrians and

bicyclists; increasing community walkability and rideability; contribute to building a safer, more livable, and accessible community; and otherwise increasing the effectiveness of the implementing agencies.

Advise MCDOT and the Office of Public Information on plans for and implementation of Pedestrian Safety Education Programs.

Provide guidance on funding levels and priorities to ensure sufficient resources within the Executive Branch and other County agencies to accomplish the goals of the Strategic Plan for Pedestrian Safety.

Recommend new measures for inclusion in the MCDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan that will enhance the success of the County's efforts to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety.

Gather information on pedestrian and bicycling safety and other pedestrian and bicycling-related ideas, emerging technologies, best practices or methodologies that would have application to improving pedestrian safety in the county. Communicate recommendations for study of such to the Executive Branch and Council.

Report on its activities annually to the County Executive and County Council by November 1 of each year.

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